

Washington, DC (January 9, 2012) – Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, issued the following statement after federal authorities arrested Sami Osmakac, a Tampa resident born in the former Yugoslavia, for plotting several terrorist attacks throughout the Tampa area:

"I applaud the efforts of law enforcement to root out this scheme before it resulted in a loss of life. This foiled plot is a disturbing reminder that we must remain vigilant against terrorism not only abroad, but in our own backyards," said Bilirakis, who represents part of the Tampa Bay area.